



## Report Tom Okino May Be First Japanese American to Become Circuit Justice in Hawaii

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Tom Okino, 43-year-old attorney, is in line to become the first Nisei judge in Hawaii.

He won the indorsement of the Bar Association of Hawaii last week—a victory which places a lot of weight behind him in his bid for judgeship.

His name now goes to the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. which in turn is expected to recommend him for appointment by the President. Confirmation by the U. S. Senate is the final step.

If he is appointed and confirmed, Mr. Okino will occupy the third circuit bench in Hilo, on the island of Hawaii—the second largest circuit in the territory and next to the Oahu jurisdiction.

He would succeed Judge Martin Pence, under whom Mr. Okino served as deputy attorney for the County of Hawaii several years ago. Okino moved up to become county attorney when Pence became a judge and now it appears as though Okino will follow again in his predecessor's footsteps.

Okino won the bar association's indorsement in a close contest with a non-Nisei attorney. Although the results of the balloting were not announced officially, it was learned from other reliable sources that Mr. Okino received 96 votes and his opponent, Maurice Sapienza, a territorial deputy attorney general, received 85 votes.

Okino, now an attorney in private practice, is a delegate to the convention presently drafting a constitution for the future state of Hawaii.

He was applauded by fellow convention delegates when the news of his indorsement by the bar association was announced on the convention floor June 20. He is generally regarded as an able, conscientious attorney; a vigorous debater, and a friendly, golf-playing chap outside the courtroom.

His candidacy and indorsement for the judgeship is considered a healthy precedent in judicial circles. Some complaints among Nisei have been aroused by the lack of any Nisei judge in a territory where there are so many practicing Nisei lawyers and where there is no shortage of qualified persons of that race.

If Okino becomes a circuit judge, it will demonstrate again the positive trend, in all phases of Hawaiian community life, that the Nisei will find their place in the uphill climb for recognition, slow-moving as the recognition might appear to come. And it will show that recognition can come—not on account of race or despite it—but best of all, because the individual is deserving of the reward on the basis of merit and ability.

As the first step, a goodly number of Nisei attorneys have served or are serving as district magistrates of so-called police courts. Appointment to these positions are made by the chief justice of the Territorial Supreme Court.

Okino himself is a former magistrate, having served from 1934 to 1939. He was born and raised

## First Nisei Serves On Jury in Utah Murder Trial

PRICE, Utah—Franklin Sugiyama of National, Utah was a member of a twelve-man jury which last week found Joe Trujillo of Castle Gate guilty of first degree murder in the fatal shooting of Max Lopez.

Trujillo originally was convicted of murder in July, 1948 and was sentenced to die but appealed his case to the State Supreme Court which ordered the retrial.

Sugiyama, a former resident of Los Angeles and Seattle, is the first Nisei to serve as a juror on a murder case in Utah. He is employed by a coal mine at National. He formerly was sports editor of the Japanese American News in San Francisco.

## President Signs Private Bills For GI Brides

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The President has signed 24 private laws admitting Japanese brides, wives or children of American citizens to permanent residence in the United States. This is the largest group of such laws ever signed at one time.

They admit almost twice as many Japanese as came into this country through private laws during the entire span of the Eightieth Congress. However, the last Congress, by an extension of the GI Brides Bill, permitted the entrance of hundreds of Japanese.

The President has signed laws admitting the following: Taeko Suzuki; Haruko Teramoto; Mitsuko Uemura; Mrs. Yae Bennett; Kazuyo Dohi; Mrs. Harry Schneider, wife of an American veteran; Mrs. William Y. Imanaka; Mrs. Chikako Mary Ohori Hori; Mrs. Sachiko Iwai Higaki; Fujiko Fukuda; Hisako Nakane; Yoshiko Teves; Toshiko Ono; Asana Teramoto; Mrs. Kiyoko Tanaka Perez; Mrs. June Noda Loman; Yoshiko Matsumura; Margarita Funakura; Mrs. Isamu Tarasawa; Mrs. Rei Yamada and Edward Munns; Mieko Nishitsuru; Umeko Stevenson; Mary Frances Yoshinaga and Miyoko Oishi.

## Clifford Sugimoto Elected President at California School

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Clifford Sugimoto recently was elected student body president of Mountain View Union high school for the coming fall term.

The 16-year old youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sugimoto, was one of the most active students in the school during the past year. He was vice president of the student body, secretary of the boys' league and president of the junior class. He also was a member of the varsity football and tennis teams. Clifford, rated a promising singer, placed second in a contest at the University of California earlier this year.

He will be the first Nisei to hold the office of student body president at the school.

George Takagi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Takagi of Los Altos, was elected president of the boys' league at the school.

## Michigan Youth Attends Boys State

HOLLAND, Mich. — Kenneth Kaji of Holland, nominated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, left here on June 17 with six other Holland youths to join 1,000 others at Michigan State college for the American Legion's 13th annual Boys' State.

Kenneth is a former resident of San Francisco and was elected as one of the seven outstanding male students at Holland high school.

## Absence of Two Legislators Forces Delay in House-Senate Conference on Walter Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House-Senate conference on the Walter resolution probably cannot meet until after July 10 because of the abrupt departure from Washington of two conferees, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee learned on June 29.

Both Rep. Ed Gossett (D., Tex.), and Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), have been called home by business.

Conference committee staff members said the remaining conferees are not likely to meet until all members are present.

## Georgianna Honda Leaves to Attend Citizenship Meet

DENVER — Georgianna Honda left this week for Fieldston, N.Y., to attend the 1950 Encampment for Citizenship on a scholarship sponsored by the Denver JACL chapter.

The JACL advanced \$75 toward Miss Honda's traveling expenses.

Miss Honda is a 1950 graduate of the University of Colorado, majoring in elementary education.

During the past year she has been chairman of the women's co-op dormitory on the Colorado campus.

She is a former resident of Brawley, Calif., and came to Denver with her parents in 1942.

## Nisei Honor Student Wins Fellowship

BERKELEY, Calif. — Richard Isamu Tanaka of Richmond recently was named as the recipient of the Arthur Gould Tasheira fellowship for 1950-51 at the University of California.

The \$900 fellowship is presented annually on the basis of proven research ability and achievement.

Tanaka, majoring in electrical engineering, recently graduated with a grade point average of 2.96 out of a possible 3.00, a record of all A's with the exception of two B's in four years of university work.

## Chicago Youth Finds \$100 Bill In Search for Happy Ending

CHICAGO—Because 10-year old Lee Wesley wanted to see if "The Happy Ever After" had a happy ending, a Chicago woman was happy this week.

"The Happy Ever After" is a book Lee borrowed from the library of the school where he is a fourth grade pupil.

Lee took the book to his home and peeked at the ending to be sure it was a happy one. Tucked between the last two pages of the book was a crisp \$100 bill.

He told his mother, Mrs. Cecilia Wesley, the former Cecilia Sasaki of Seattle, about his discovery. He took the book and the bill to his

school principal who checked with a previous borrower, Sandra Primack, 10, a classmate and neighbor of Lee's. The girl's mother was startled to hear the news. She said she had put the \$100 bill in the book but had "forgotten all about it."

Mrs. Primack wanted to give Lee a reward but the boy didn't want one. "I don't see that I did anything unusual," he said. Lee's father is Dr. Newton Wesley (Uyesugi), Chicago optometrist who practised in Portland, Ore., before the evacuation in 1942.

Meanwhile, there is a report circulating here that an attempt will be made in the conference to tack on certain phases of the McCarran Omnibus bill to the Walter resolution, especially those tightening control over aliens in, or immigrating to, the United States. But House conferees are expected to oppose such a move as not being germane to the resolution, the JACL ADC indicated.

The resolution as approved by the House simply removed race as a bar to naturalization. The version, as amended in the Senate, would grant naturalization privileges only to Japanese who entered the United States or Hawaii prior to July 1, 1924, and have resided here continuously since.

Because of technical difficulties in administering the Senate version, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said the JACL ADC hopes to see, as a very minimum improvement in the bill, the granting of naturalization privileges to all legal Japanese immigrants in the United States and its territories.

However, the JACL ADC is actively pushing for the original measure as introduced by Rep. Francis E. Walter, (D., Penn.).

## President Signs Bill to Admit Canada Nisei Wife of Ex-GI

LONG BEACH, Calif.—An action of President Truman this week brought rejoicing to the home of Jack Loman, 21, when it was learned the President had signed a bill permitting the admission of Loman's 22-year old wife, June, a Canadian girl of Japanese ancestry.

Romance began for the young couple in Japan while Loman was an Air Force sergeant at a Tokyo installation. The girl, then Miss June Noda, was a telephone operator at the base. The daughter of a Vancouver, B.C., physician, she, along with her mother and brother, had been caught in Japan at the outbreak of the war.

When Loman came home, Miss

Noda returned to Canada. She visited him and his family in November and December, 1948, and then again in the summer of 1949. Before she returned to Canada at the expiration of her last visa, she was married to Loman in California.

The ex-sergeant, now an employee of a steel company, went to British Columbia to be with his wife in May. There was a special reason, for a son, Julian, was born to him and Mrs. Loman on May 15.

He returned to Long Beach and she remained in Vancouver, barred from accompanying him by immigration restrictions. Now she and the baby will come to California.

in Hawaii. He is a graduate of Oberlin college, O., and received his law degree from Harvard in 1932.

Shimabukuro won the medal for achieving the highest record in his major, foreign relations.

Last summer the Nisei represented the school at a student-professor seminar held by the State department.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shoei Shimabukuro of Laupahoe, Hawaii.

## Membership May Hit 10 Thousand, Says CL Official

**Northern California District Has Largest Membership Total**

A prediction that JACL membership will reach 10,000 within the next few weeks was made by Mas Satow, national director, this week as he announced current membership had reached 9,185.

Largest number of members are enrolled in the Northern California-Western Nevada area, which has a total of 2964 persons in the JACL. The Sacramento JACL, with a membership of 371, is the largest chapter, closely followed by San Francisco, 335.

The Midwest area, with only eight JACL chapters, is second in membership among district councils with 1821 members.

The Chicago JACL, by far the largest single chapter in the country, accounts for 1038 of the 1821. The Cleveland chapter is second with a membership of 257.

The Pacific Southwest district council, with 16 member chapters, has 1521 members. Largest chapter in the council is the Southwest Los Angeles JACL with 312 members.

Total JACL membership in 1949 was 8859. It was a sizeable increase over the 1948 total of 6657.

## Nebraska Churches Raise Funds for Japan University

OMAHA, Neb. — Parishioners in two small Japanese American churches in western Nebraska have contributed \$100 for the International Christian university in Japan as a token of their interest in the cause of Christian education in that country.

The St. Mary's Episcopal mission in Mitchell, Neb. raised \$72. Members of St. George's mission in North Platte contributed \$28.

Mark Okamoto was local chairman for St. George's and Shozo Sakurada headed the campaign at St. Mary's mission.

The membership of the two churches is comprised of small farmers and laborers in the sugar beet fields.

## Nisei Congratulate Council President

DENVER—Three Nisei attended a dinner sponsored by the Allianza Service Club June 8 to congratulate James Fresque on his recent election as president of the city council of Denver city and county.

George Furuta, representing the Denver JACL and the Japanese American community, spoke for the Nisei.

Furuta noted that Pres. Fresque and his immediate predecessor, C. Paul Tarrington, were instrumental in securing the council's formal endorsement of the Walter resolution for equality in naturalization.

Mrs. Furuta and Roy Takeno, regional representative of the JACL, also attended the dinner.

## Chapter Queens Vie for Pacific Southwest Title



LOS ANGELES—Here are three of the pretty girls who will be vying for the title, "Miss Pacific Southwest JACL" this weekend at a district council convention in Santa Monica.

Left: Haru Yoshimoto, candidate of the West Los Angeles JACL, is 19 years old, 5 feet 5 and weighs in at 118. She is a junior at UCLA and is a private instructor in piano.

Center: Mary Kumagai, who is sponsored by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL, is shown here as she was awarded chapter laurels by Mrs. Sho Iino, who as Miss Alice Watanabe was the first Nisei festival queen in Los Angeles. Miss Kumagai, a Seattleite, is a graduate of Los Angeles business college and is employed as an accounting clerk in the state disability insurance department. She has also lived in Salt Lake City, where she was a secretary to the superintendent of nurses at Holy Cross hospital. Miss Kumagai won the nod of the judges in a close contest with Ruby Osajima, 21, who was presented with a corsage.

Right: Nel Kawahata, 24, won the title "Miss East Los Angeles JACL" at a meeting of the chapter June 23. Miss Kawahata, who comes from Texas, is a graduate of Baylor college. She trained in the John Sealy hospital in Galveston and is now employed in the office of Dr. James Goto as a lab technician.

Other candidates who will try for the district title are Itsuko Hamasaki, Downtown Los Angeles JACL queen, and Helen Morita, who will represent the Pasadena chapter.—

—Photos by Toyo Miyatake.

## Senate Judiciary Committee Reports Out Bill to Admit Japan Brides of U. S. Soldiers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate Judiciary Committee this week unanimously reported out a limited Soldier Brides bill to admit spouses and unmarried minor children of soldiers and veterans as nonquota immigrants.

Chief effect of such a measure will be to admit Japanese wives and children of American service personnel and veterans without recourse to individual private bills for each person.

The act would apply to all marriages now in effect, and to marriages which occur up to 90 days after the bill becomes law.

It has been estimated some 700 Japanese wives and children of American citizens living in Japan would be immediately affected by passage of the bill.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said every effort will be made to get the bill enacted into law before the end of the present Congress.

"There is a great need for such legislation," he said. "Every week the JACL ADC office receives several inquiries and cards from GIs stationed in Japan, or veterans, seeking to bring Japanese wives into this country or trying to find some way of marrying Japanese fiancées.

"The only way at present that such wives or fiancées can come here is through private bills. This, of course, means long delays and, in many cases, hardship for GIs and their families."

The Brides bill, (S. 1858) was introduced in May, 1949, by Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, at the request of the JACL ADC.

A spokesman for the Senate Judiciary Committee said that the Senator was motivated to urge Judiciary action as a matter of equity and justice.

He said Sen. McCarran was very much concerned over the fact that

many Americans serving in Japan have married Japanese but cannot bring their wives home with them. It is a matter of justice that such GIs and veterans have the same opportunities for happiness that any other soldier has stationed elsewhere in the world.

The bill probably will come up for Senate action on the next call of the calendar. Since it has the backing of the powerful Judiciary Committee, it is likely to receive early approval by the Senate.

In the House, the Judiciary Committee would have to act on the bill before it goes to the floor. There seems little doubt a Brides bill would meet with approval of the House Judiciary, a committee traditionally quite liberal in matters of immigration and naturalization.

Mr. Masaoka said he was "hopeful both the Senate and House will act promptly on the Brides bill."

"It is a good bill," he declared. "I am sure it can become law if it can be maneuvered through both Houses before the session ends. But very little time remains for action."

Should Congress adjourn before completing action on the bill, Mr. Masaoka said there are "excellent chances" it will be acted upon favorably fairly early after the new Congress convenes next year.

## Supervisor Kageyama Fights Impeachment Proceedings

**Circulates Petitions Asking Citizens to Support His Stand**

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA HONOLULU — Supervisor Richard M. Kageyama, who has defied various attempts to unseat him as a Honolulu county official, took a new step last week to battle his foes.

The admitted ex-Communist announced he is circulating 130 separate petitions asking citizens to support his stand. The 34 year old Nisei has been on the defensive ever since his surprise testimony before a congressional committee April 10 that he was a Communist party member for 10 months in 1947.

Apparently he now plans to take the offensive by seeking public support through the petitions. Each

of the 130 petitions carries spaces for 166 signatures.

The petition reads:

"We, the undersigned, all of the city and county of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, freely pledge and support Richard M. Kageyama (World War II veteran) in continuing to serve as a member of the board of supervisors of the city and county of Honolulu, we acknowledge the valuable service he has increasingly rendered as a supervisor and his record on the board speaks for itself."

Attorneys say the petitions would have no weight in impeachment proceedings which the anti-Kageyama forces contemplate. Any effect, these attorneys say, would be purely psychological.

Meanwhile, the impeachment movement appears slowed down somewhat because of initial, technical difficulties.

The original petition seeking Kageyama's ouster, containing more than 100 signatures, was required to be redrafted. The new petition must be signed anew either by the same person or by other citizens.

It charges Kageyama with malfeasance of office and incorporates photostatic copies of the loyalty oath sworn to by Kageyama on December 29, 1949.

The oath states that he (Kageyama) was not a Communist during the five year period previous to the swearing. In his testimony April 10, Kageyama acknowledged his party membership during 1947, which falls within the five year period.

Kageyama obviously is banking heavily on his World War II record to win supporters for the petitions he and his backers are circulating.

The title page of each petition contains a printed replica of a "ruptured duck," lapel button symbol of World War II service. Below the insignia is printed the words, "World War II Veteran, March 25, 1941 - December 1, 1945."

Kageyama's war service was spent entirely in Hawaii. He was not a member of any overseas unit.

## Mrs. Sugimoto, Writer of U. S. Best-Seller, Dies in Tokyo

TOKYO—Mrs. Etsu Sugimoto, who lived in the United States for nearly 40 years and who authored an American best-seller, died at her residence here on June 20 at the age of 76.

Mrs. Sugimoto left her home in Niigata in 1901 to marry and to live in the United States.

Brought up in a family where strict discipline prevailed she was betrothed at the turn of the century to a Japanese resident of the United States whom she had never seen.

She was reportedly deeply shocked by Western customs upon her arrival in America but she adjusted herself and, in 1920, when the post of instructor in Japanese language and history fell vacant at Columbia university, she assumed the duties. She used her own teaching methods, appearing in class in a Japanese kimono.

In 1926 her book, "A Daughter of the Samurai," was published by Doubleday, Page & Co. It was largely autobiographical. In 1932 the publishers revealed that Mrs.

Sugimoto's book was "the most continuously successful book of non-fiction on the Doubleday, Doran list." The company issued a reprint of the book in 1947.

Mrs. Sugimoto also wrote three other books, following the success of "Daughter of the Samurai." They were "Daughter of the Nari-kin," 1932, "Daughter of the Noh-fu," 1935 and "Grandmother O Kyo," 1940.

She gave up her teaching post in 1927 and devoted herself to her writing.

She left the United States to live in Japan before World War II. Mrs. Sugimoto had been a widow for many years.

## Queen Committee

CHICAGO—Franklin Chino will head the national queen contest committee of the JACL, with the following on his committee:

Veronica Ryan, Jack Kawakami, Joseph Talbot, Roy Iwata, Mas Nakagawa, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Sumiye Tada and Tomoe Tada.

## Tomi Kanazawa Plans Concert Tour of Sweden This Summer

New York City.

There's a busy summer ahead for Tomi Kanazawa, Nisei soprano from Los Angeles, who is scheduled for appearances in Cincinnati, Minneapolis and in Sweden.

Miss Kanazawa who became television's first Cho-Cho-San in an NBC opera production of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" in February will appear again as the tragic Japanese heroine of Nagasaki this week with the Cincinnati Zoo Opera.

The Cincinnati productions of "Madame Butterfly" are scheduled on July 4 and 7. Two repeat performances also are tentatively planned. Fausta Cleva will conduct.

On July 14 Miss Kanazawa will appear as a soloist with the Minneapolis Symphony. With her husband, Leo Mueller, conducting the entire concert, Miss Kanazawa will sing several numbers, including arias from "Madame Butterfly."

Later in July she is scheduled for a concert at the Waldemere Hotel, a resort in upstate New York. Following this concert she will leave for Sweden with her husband. She is scheduled for several concerts in the Scandinavian country.

Program notes: Mariko Iwamoto, Tokyo-born daughter of a Japanese father and an American mother, received a good press from New York critics following her recent debut in New York City. Critics of the Times, Herald-Tribune, Post and the Compass praised the 24-year old violinist who is making her first tour of the United States.

Miss Iwamoto is regarded as one of the most accomplished young violinists heard in New York in recent years.

Ruby Yoshino (Mrs. Ruby Schaar), formerly of Alameda, Calif., plans to give a New York concert at the Times Hall later this year.

## Honolulu Nisei Student Wins National Radio Amateur Title

NEW YORK—James Saburo Shigeta of Honolulu was acclaimed America's "1950 amateur radio champion" this week as he was named the winner of the Original Amateur 1950 contest on June 29 on the program originating from the Vanderbilt theater in New York City and carried over the American Broadcasting Company network.

Shigeta was awarded the \$2,000 first prize from Old Gold cigarettes, sponsors of Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour, formerly the Major Bowes program.

The presentation was made to Shigeta by Mack at the close of the June 29 show. The Honolulu Nisei was a popular winner, receiving a long and loud ovation from the capacity audience at the Vanderbilt.

Mack announced that Shigeta had received 48,000 mail and telephone votes, more than double that given any of the other ten finalists on the June 15th show from Madison Square Garden.

On receiving the Old Gold award from Mack, Shigeta declared that he was "proud to be an American."

He noted that the Senate committee considering the Hawaiian statehood bill had just voted it out favorably and hoped that the territory soon would be the "49th state."

He said his father, who served in the U. S. Army in World War I, and his two brothers who were members of the famous 442nd (Japanese American) Regimental Combat team must have been pleased at the news of Hawaii's impending statehood status.

The Nisei winner said that the \$2,000 award would permit him to complete his education. He is a student at the University of Hawaii where he is a junior, majoring in English. He graduated from Roosevelt high school in Honolulu in 1947.

When the Ted Mack amateur contest was held at the Princess theater in Honolulu, the three best were picked to represent Hawaii in New York City. They were Shigeta, Tom Moku and Sally Kim.

In New York they appeared on the Original Amateur Hour show from the Vanderbilt. Shigeta took first, Miss Kim was fourth and Tom Moku fifth. A second contest was held at the same theater and again Shigeta was first.

The third contest was held at the Civic auditorium in Portland, Ore., and the Nisei baritone again was first, qualifying as a three-time winner for the 1950 contest finals on June 15.

Ted Mack told the audience that more than 200,000 votes were cast in the contest by radio listeners in the United States and Hawaii. The Hawaiian voting was held after the transcribed show was broadcast by KULA, Honolulu on June 25. According to telephone company officials, phone lines to the studio were jammed by callers, creating a congested situation which exceeded the tieup of phone lines in Hawaii after the Pearl Harbor attack.

After receiving the award James Shigeta sang Cole Porter's "Night and Day," the song with which he won the contest.

## Lumber Firm's \$69,000 Tops Canadian Evacuation Awards

TORONTO, Ont. — Two logging companies will receive the highest single awards as a result of the property loss payments recently announced by the government for losses sustained by persons of Japanese ancestry as a result of the forced mass evacuation of Japanese Canadians from the British Columbia west coast in 1942.

The government has announced that \$1,222,829 would be paid to claimants who originally filed for approximately \$7,000,000.

The payments will range from \$69,950 awarded to a Vancouver Island lumbering corporation to \$250 allowed for a motor vehicle claim.

The highest sum will go to the Royston Lumber Company whose property included valuable timber rights and a sawmill at Royston, B.C.

## Kushida Tells Nisei Story at Schools in L. A.

LOS ANGELES — An approach to inter-group relations through in-service education projects is being made by the Los Angeles city schools during the summer vacation with workshops held for grammar and high school faculty at various high schools beginning June 17 for two months.

Leading a discussion on the background and remaining problems of Japanese Americans in this community will be Tats Kushida, regional director of the JACL office in Los Angeles.

Kushida will present the background and an analysis of problems of the Issei and Nisei in relation to employment, housing, education, welfare needs and other community problems, the efforts of the JACL in seeking equality of status and treatment for persons of Japanese ancestry, and JACL's contribution toward the improvement of inter-group relations in the general community.

He spoke at North Hollywood high school on June 27, and is scheduled at the Berendo junior high school on July 13 and July 21, and at the Washington high school on August 10.

## Fellowship Tells July Program

SAN FRANCISCO—July activities of the Young Adults Fellowship of the Church of Christ will include a talk by the chaplain of San Quentin prison on July 23. Alice Shigezumi will be chairman for the program.

Other July activities tentatively scheduled by the fellowship are as follows:

July 2: John Hoshiyama, speaker, with Wayne Osaki as chairman; July 9: potluck supper and program, Alice Matsumoto, chairman; July 16: Eiko Hashiguchi, chairman, on subject, "Why We Worship as We Do;" July 30: outing, Jimmy Yamaguchi, chairman.

The following cabinet was recently installed in office to serve for the half-year beginning July:

Wayne Osaki, chmn.; Alice Shigezumi, vice chmn.; Jimmy Yamaguchi, treas.; Helen Furuya, rec. sec.; Mariko Mochizuki, corr. sec.; Kaz Yamasaki, devotional chmn.; Alice Matsumoto, social chmn.; and Eiko Hashiguchi, publicity chmn.

Tom Hoshiyama is adviser for the group.

## Nisei Growers Enter Feature Exhibit In County Fair

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — An attractive booth has been entered by the Nisei Growers of Washington Township in the feature booth exhibit competition of the agricultural and horticultural division of the Alameda county fair, which began June 28.

The booth carries out the fair theme, "Rural Living in Alameda County." It was decorated by George and Shig Nakamura, art staff members.

Kaz Shikano made general arrangements for the Nisei display. Sixteen groups in Alameda county entered booth exhibits in the agricultural and horticultural division, Shikano said, with the Growers being the only Nisei organization represented.

The Growers will try for two prizes, the booth competition and individual exhibit competition.

Committee members working with Shikano are Katsuo Shikano, Sam Yamanaka, Henry Kato, James Sekigahama, Yutaka Handa, Tak Murakami, George Nakamura, Shig Nakamura and Aki Kato.

The Nisei Growers, the agricultural unit of the Southern Alameda County JACL, participated successfully in the Alameda county and California state fairs last year.

## Attorney Will Collect Data on Nisei Strandeas

LOS ANGELES — Henry J. Tsurutani, Los Angeles attorney, will leave by plane on July 7 for Tokyo as a representative of Attorney A. L. Wirin in connection with cases pending in United States district court involving Nisei strandeas in Japan who reportedly have lost their United States citizenship.

Leaving at the same time is Miss Arline Martin, assistant United States attorney in Los Angeles.

Both Tsurutani and Miss Martin are going to Japan for the purpose of taking depositions from witnesses in Japan pertaining to conditions in Japan before the war and whether the service of American-born Japanese stranded in Japan in the Japanese army during the war was voluntary or involuntary.

The trip of the attorneys to Japan originally was scheduled for last April but was postponed because of a shortage of funds in the Justice Department to pay the expenses of the government representative.

## Ellis Center Tells Summer Activities For Children

CHICAGO — A vacation church school and day camp will be on the program of activities for the Ellis community center this summer.

The center will join other neighborhood churches in sponsoring a community vacation church school. Classes will include Bible study, songs, recreation, craft work and worship, and will be held every morning from Monday through Friday.

The day camp will be a non-religious activity, beginning July 10 and ending Aug. 4. It will be open to children 6 to 12 years of age.

Outdoor-camping, swimming, excursions, crafts and recreation will be scheduled. The program will be directed by Helen Bridgman, summer program director, assisted by Sei Adachi and Elver Hofer.

Piano classes will continue through the summer months under Roberta Braxton. Individual instruction is offered on Monday and Friday afternoons at minimum cost.

## Appoint Tom Yego

PENRYN, Calif. — Thomas M. Yego recently was appointed a notary public for Placer County.

Mr. Yego is the executive secretary of the Placer Evacuation Claims Committee whose offices are located in the Placer JACL building. He is also a full-time worker in the standardization division of the California Department of Agriculture.

## California Supreme Court Sets October Hearing on Issue of Alien Land Act, U. N. Charter

SAN FRANCISCO—The California State Supreme Court last week agreed to hear a case in which a lower court has held the United Nations charter takes precedence over the California Alien Land law.

The court granted a hearing to the state, which contends Sei Fujii, a Japanese national, had no right to ownership of a piece of Los Angeles residential property under the Alien Land act.

The court also has granted a hearing to the state which is appealing a Los Angeles Superior Court decision in the Masaoka test case, declaring the Alien Land law invalid and in violation of the 14th Amendment.

Fujii sued in the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1948 to quiet title to an unimproved lot. The state countered that Fujii was ineligible to United States citizenship because of his Japanese ancestry and the Superior Court upheld the state's view that the property should escheat to the state under the terms of the Alien Land Act.

This holding was reversed by district two of the California District Court of Appeals. The three-justice appellate court, in an unanimous verdict, said the Alien Land Act was superceded by the United Nations charter and its Declaration of Human Rights.

The state asked a rehearing of the verdict and took the issue to the State Supreme Court when the appellate tribunal denied the petition. The state contends that the UN charter does not at this time supercede the Alien Land Act.

The state's highest tribunal will hear the case the first week of October in Los Angeles.

The state's brief contends that to become the supreme law of the land the provisions of a treaty must be self-executing and that this is not true of the UN charter and hence its provisions do not override or control local or municipal law in this nation.

The state's brief adds that par-

## Two Nisei Win Election to Posts At Utah Girls State

LOGAN, Utah—Two Nisei girls were named as representatives in elections at the Utah Girls State on June 27 at Utah State Agricultural college.

Mitsuye Kawata of Greenriver was elected as a representative of Truman City, while Margine Sako of Arthur represents Roosevelt City.

## To Get Degree

NEW YORK CITY—Thomas H. Fujimura will receive his Ph. D. degree from Columbia university this month.

Fujimura has been teaching English composition and literature and world literature at the University of Connecticut in New London, Conn., for the past two years. He has also taught at Queen's college, New York City.

He received his master's from the University of California, where he received his Phi Beta Kappa key in 1942.

ties are not legally bound until a treaty has set up definite contractual obligations. It argues that the UN Declaration on Human Rights is not a treaty, nor does it constitute legislation. The power to legislate as to ownership of land, the state concludes, rests in the state.

## Announce Essay Contest on Theme for JACL Convention

CHICAGO—An essay contest on the convention theme, "Blueprint for Tomorrow," will be held in conjunction with the 11th biennial JACL national convention in Chicago Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.

The contest will give Americans a chance to tell what they believe is the future of the Japanese American in this country and what is, or should be, his distinctive role as a citizen, according to James Nishimura, contest chairman.

The contest is open to everyone, regardless of age, sex, race or religious belief, residing in the continental United States and its possessions, except employees of the JACL, members of the national board, national committee, members of the essay contest committee or members of their families.

JACL membership is not a requirement, Nishimura said.

Two hundred dollars in savings bonds will be awarded the three first place entries: first prize, \$100 bond; second, \$50 bond; and third, \$25 bond. Plaques will also be given the three winners.

All entries must be typed on 8½ x 11 white paper on only one side only, double spaced with one inch margin. Entries should be clearly marked with name and address on the first page of the essay. Entries must not exceed 2500 words in length.

All essays must be in the hands of the committee by midnight, Sept. 15. Contestants should mail their entries to JACL Essay Contest, Chicago Publishing Corp., 2611 Indiana ave., Chicago 16, Illinois.

Winners will be announced and rewarded at the Chicago convention during the Midwest district public forum on Oct. 2. Prize-winning essays will become the property of the National JACL.

Togo Tanaka will head the judging committee.

Nishimura will be assisted on the contest committee by Tom Masuda, Richard Itanaga, Bob Ozaki, Shig Mazawa, Abe Hagiwara, Chizu Iiyama, Mrs. Fujimoto, the Rev. George Nishimoto and Dr. Mas Sakada.

## Four Nisei Strandeas Regain Citizenship by Court Action

LOS ANGELES — Four Nisei strandeas, two of whom served in the Japanese army during the war and the other two in the navy, were restored to American citizenship as a result of court rulings during the last ten days by Federal Judge D. E. Metzger of Hawaii, holding court in Los Angeles.

The federal jurist established a precedent in the case of Minoru Furukawa, who served in the Japanese army.

Judge Metzger ruled that a Nisei drafted in the Japanese army was under no legal obligation to make a formal protest.

The others are Isamu Kanno, Ray Hosoda and Kikuyoshi Komura.

They were represented by A. L. Wirin.

Kanno attended an officers training course in the Japanese army and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. Judge Metzger ruled that this did not constitute voluntary action on Kanno's part sufficient to result in a loss of his American citizenship.

The judge ruled, in the case of Ray Hosoda, that the Nisei was coerced by his teachers into joining the Japanese army.

In the Komura case the judge decided that the Nisei's enlistment in the navy was not an exercise of free choice and that since such enlistment was not voluntary, it did not result in a loss of American status.

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LARRY TAJIRI EDITOR

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## An Afternoon in Seoul

The people of the republic were considerably surprised last Sunday morning, as they glanced hurriedly at the headlines before turning to the comics and the sports section of the Sunday paper, to find there was a hot war going on in a place called Korea.

A lot of Americans may have wondered just where Korea was and what the shooting was about, just as millions of Americans wondered on a Sunday afternoon not too many years ago where Pearl Harbor was located. Among the Americans who read the headlines last Sunday were several thousand Nisei veterans of the Pacific war and the Japanese occupation who may have wondered if the news would mean they eventually would be called back into service. Hundreds of Nisei GIs have seen service in Korea since V-J day, serving with military intelligence units.

Korea, the peninsula nation, long has known the heel of the oppressor and the invader. They have come from the north and from out of the tall kaoliang in the great river valleys of Manchuria. They have come from across the Great Wall of China and from the Mongolian plains. They have landed on the beaches from ships and sampans, warriors from Honshu and Kyushu. It was Hideyoshi who once called Korea a "dagger pointed at the heart of Japan" and led an invading army to the mainland. In our time the modern-day warlords of Imperial Nippon considered Korea a springboard to the great Asian heartland.

For four decades the hand of the Japanese invader lay heavy on the Korean people. The Land of Morning Calm, as the poets call it, became a police state, a land in which the occupation never ended, where there was strict control of speech and thought.

This was the Korea we knew in the few days we spent on the peninsula during a June of a year shortly before World War II. It may have been just because we happened to be a newspaperman with a Japanese face, traveling on an American passport. Our destination was Seoul, then called Keijo, and beyond. It may have been that we were suspected of being a Korean American, or it may be just the way they treated all tourists. There had been questions at Shimonoseki before we boarded the boat across the Japan Sea to Fusan. There were questions in Fusan and along the way, the inquisitors being polite men in plain clothes.

In Fusan there were the child beggars who swarmed around our luggage. There is perhaps no better illustration of the state of a nation than that presented by the sight of a child begging. In the railroad station at Fusan there was the scene of a middle-aged Korean, dressed in white with the horsehair hat that looks like a bob-tailed stovepipe, bearing the blows of a Japanese policeman with the resignation that is rooted in hopelessness and despair—we were to see almost a parallel scene some years later in Mississippi, only this time the policeman was white and the recipient of the blows was a Negro.

The Japanese militarists were bad colonizers. After four decades they could evoke no loyalty nor affection from the occupied people. When our train reached Seoul, a beautiful city from the distance at least, set in the green valley of the River Kan, there were two men at the station. One took our bags and we marched to the police station which was conveniently located near the depot. There were more questions, the same ones we had been asked by other men in plain clothes since we had left Tokyo a week before. The questions left the impression that the Japanese militarists, after more than 30 years in Korea, were still fearful of revolt. That revolt, of course, would have to be initiated from the outside. There were Korean agents in the United States where Dr. Syngman Rhee, later to become president of the now-beleaguered infant republic of South Korea, represented a potential government-in-exile. There were others in China. It was not so many years before that a Korean agent threw a bomb into a crowd

of Japanese officials in Shanghai. Shigemitsu, later to become foreign minister of Japan, lost a leg and Admiral Nomura (who was Japan's ambassador to the United States at the time of Pearl Harbor and a man who seemed sincere in his desire for peace when we met him in Washington in 1941) lost an eye.

After the questions, which probably were routine, a luckless policeman named Shimizu was assigned to us. He was to accompany us during our stay in Seoul.

First Shimizu helped carry one of the bags to the hotel. He waited while we washed and joined us in the lobby for a tour of the city. He was slightly dismayed when we suggested walking. Seoul is a big city, the population is well over one million. After an hour of walking, Shimizu suggested taking a street car to the next point of interest. There was more walking after that and our visit to Seoul was taking on all the aspects of a conducted tour. We visited a museum replete with the past glories of Korean emperors. There was a view from a hilltop, with the Kan bright in the afternoon sun. Finally, Shimizu took us to what he said was his favorite spot. It was a park which might once have been a palace garden and it was filled with peonies in bloom.

Shimizu sat on a park bench and surreptitiously removed one of his shoes, wiggling his toes. Then he put on the shoe and removed the other. After an afternoon afoot he was tired. We had had other plans for our day in Seoul but since the police had assigned us this guide we decided to play it his way. He was hungry, not having had lunch, and wondered if we would mind stopping at a restaurant. It turned out to be a place where other policemen also ate. The food was cheap. It had to be because the salaries of Japanese policemen, whether in Japan or Korea, were low, something like 40 or 50 yen a month at the time which would be about \$10 American. This economic pressure undoubtedly accounted for some of their meanness and brusqueness in their dealings with private citizens. We hope the Japanese cops are better paid these days. It will make them easier to live with.

Shimizu took us to some more parks and museums but he grew more tired and finally asked if we would mind if he stopped at his house a moment. It was a simple house in a poor neighborhood. In a matter of minutes we had slipped off our shoes and were squatting on the "tatami" while Mrs. Shimizu brought in the tea. Mr. Shimizu was very tired and he did not object when we suggested later that we would find our own way back to the hotel. He must have decided by then that we presented no danger to the security of Seoul. After all, it's pretty hard to look like a foreign agent at the age of 22.

After leaving the policeman we did a little sightseeing on our own but decided we were pretty tired, too, and went back to the hotel.

It occurred to us that in the entire day we had spent in the city we had not spoken to a single Korean. In this city of a million our entire conversation had been with a Japanese policeman and his wife, some more policemen, several waitresses, a hotel clerk and a hotel porter.

The next morning we left Seoul and Shimizu was down at the station to see us off. The officials in charge of security were thorough men.

The express for Mukden came in on time. Shimizu saw us aboard and asked that we send him a copy of any articles we wrote about Seoul. We sat in the observation car and watched the city retreat into the blue haze of distance. We must confess that any article we write about Seoul must necessarily be about a policeman with aching feet and a love of peonies. We didn't see much else.

Later that morning we passed the 38th parallel as our train roared along the river valleys toward the northeast. We didn't realize then that it would one day be an arbitrary dividing line of contesting ideologies. On that morning in June it was just green countryside with blue mountains,

## MINORITY WEEK

### Appointment

In view of the fact that only a few short years ago teachers of Oriental and Negro ancestry were not permitted to teach in California public schools, it's good to note the appointment of a Negro, James G. Faustina, as principal of Lincoln grade school in Willowbrook, Los Angeles county.

Another Negro is principal at a San Francisco school.

The Willowbrook school system has 24 Negro teachers, 13 of whom will serve under Faustina.

### Quick Quote

"Let us not be deterred from our indispensable objective. In this country, for the past century and three-quarters, we have been conducting the noblest experiment in human living ever undertaken. We have been molding diverse peoples into a firm unity. We have set for ourselves inspiring ideals toward which we steadily progress . . . We have enjoyed freedom and are slowly, perhaps too slowly, learning how to use its responsibility . . . We have it in our power to create here a model of abundant, just and democratic living which shall serve mankind for all time." — Dr. Ralph Bunche, director of division of trusteeships for UN, in addressing the June graduating class at UCLA.

Dr. Bunche, the American Negro who solved the Palestine dilemma, is his own best example of American democracy.

When he addressed the UCLA grads, he recalled his own and humbler graduation from the same school 23 years before.

His academic gown, borrowed for the occasion, was ill-fitting and unflattering. And after the commencement exercise he remembered returning it to the USC girl from whom he had borrowed it.

### Reaction

There were plenty of explosions down south when the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the University of Texas to admit a Negro to its school of law.

The Alabama legislature, without a dissenting vote, resolved:

"We will not submit to the intermingling of white and Negro children in our public schools."

A lot of other southerners, big and little, added their voices to the outcry.

Meanwhile, as a result of the case, two Negroes applied at the University of Texas for admission to the summer session. One was an architect, John Saunders Chase, and the other an educator, Horace Lincoln Heath. Both were registering for graduate work.

Their registrations went through smoothly, though there was nervousness on both sides of the racial fence. It was apparent the school knew it had to accept these students, but the Supreme court had not ruled that they had to be accepted with open arms or loving hearts.

So the mere act of going into his first class, so casual a matter for any other student, must have been a matter of great apprehension for John Saunders Chase.

There were 14 other students in the class. They, too, must have anticipated his arrival. As he came in the door, the entire class came to him to shake his hand.

Surely no other student had ever had such a reception.

And if those 14 classmates are any example of the new south, they augur well for the future of this section of the country which has always been the country's most depressed area.

### Bi-annual Story

This is an old story. It crops up with regularity each spring and winter as high schools schedule commencement exercises, graduation week activities and other events for their graduating classes.

The only thing changed in the story is the name of the town. This time it happened in Peekskill, N.Y.

And so, once again: The Peekskill board of education has banned senior class trips to Washington, D.C. to prevent any discrimination against Negro students.

The Diamond Mountains of Korea, in the east.

## EDITORIALS:

### The Future of the JACL

JACL delegates to the Pacific Southwest district council convention in Santa Monica this weekend will tackle a question which was of theoretical interest in the past but assumes today the shape of a very real and practical problem.

That is: What is the future of the JACL?

In its earlier days the JACL was primarily a local organization, emphasizing social and recreational activities. It was—though it was not then so-called—a separate group. There was a whole chain of these autonomous groups up and down the coast.

In the early 1940s the war impelled an overnight change in the structure and aims of the JACL. Organization officials at that time showed an amazing ability to convert a loose organization into a tightly knit one, to streamline its activities by centralizing its work and facilities and to embark upon a wholesale program designed to make the Nisei and Issei fully-participating members of the American society.

When legislation for naturalization rights for aliens of Japanese ancestry is passed, much of the JACL program will have been achieved. The right of citizenship will abolish automatically many of the injustices now suffered by persons of Japanese ancestry. Legal restrictions in land ownership and in certain of the professions will be wiped out.

This was carried out by the JACL under a centralized authority and organizational set-up.

The question now appears to be whether or not the present centralization of authority should be continued in the JACL, or if a program of decentralization should be begun. This entails, of course, the question of retaining national headquarters and regional offices.

It is to be expected that JACL chapters will continue to function, on the local level, in matters of local discriminations, local problems of social welfare, recreation and social activities. A pattern of activity in such matters has been laid down.

But are local organizations strong enough to protect and work for their respective rights? And are persons of Japanese ancestry well enough established members of their communities that they can afford to depend upon other groups for the protection of their civil, economic and political rights? Are the Nisei entering, at a satisfactory rate, those other organizations which work for the general welfare of all minority groups? And are these other groups well-informed enough and strong enough to take up the specific problems of the Nisei? Must the initiating action for projects to secure Nisei rights come from the Nisei?

These are among the questions which JACL members soon must ask themselves, in determining whether or not the JACL will continue in its present organizational structure.

Apart from the question of local activity, there is the other problem of activity on a national level. The fight for FEPC, for protection of minority rights in education, extension of civil liberties to all minorities are still problems of national importance in which the Nisei have a major stake. Can local groups, functioning independently, do their share in the solution of these problems?

It would appear that the question for the JACL today is one of direction—whether the JACL is to revert to its pre-war status as a social organization or continue as a national body with other groups toward the larger goal of eliminating all forms of race prejudice. The JACL today has an enviable record and a reputation of national scope. Its prestige and its contacts can be invaluable in the continuing battle for democracy.

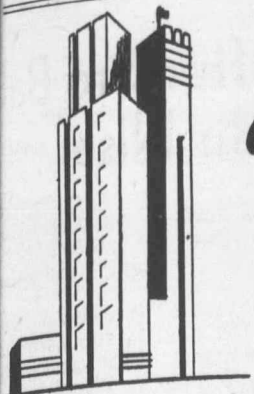
The past ten years have shown the Nisei how much they can accomplish through united, aggressive action. Near-miracles of legislation have been recorded. It has brought the problems of the minorities before numerous legislative bodies. It has accomplished much.

The present setup and present program of the JACL were motivated by necessity. The war and evacuation wiped out the local chapters, and the concurrent growth of social and civil problems made imperative the setting up of an efficient organization that could act swiftly in times of emergency.

There were times when decisions had to be made that would, under ordinary conditions, have been taken to the membership at large.

This time the question as to the future course of the league can be decided by the members themselves.

The JACL must soon decide whether or not it will retain its current set-up, and in the decision will lie the eventual course of the JACL.



# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## Lafcadio Hearn Centennial

Until a few months ago, the name of Lafcadio Hearn meant little to me. I did know that he married a Japanese woman and was considered a mysterious and strange figure in the field of American literature.

Now that I have read a few books about his life and some chapters from his works, I can well understand why the people in Japan thought so highly of him and still do. In fact, on Tuesday of this week, a monster celebration was held in many parts of Japan in honor of the 100th anniversary of Hearn's birth.

I think more Nisei should read him. Not that he was such a towering genius in the field of literature, but because of his skillful interpretation of the Japanese people and things about Japan. Hearn went to Japan in 1890 and stayed there until his death in 1904. During that span of 14 years in that county, he wrote many volumes of fine stories and beautiful essays about Japan. He touched on almost every conceivable subject and his penetrating analysis, through an occidental's eyes, and written in his matchless style should be pleasant reading to any Nisei.

Hearn's prose, to quote one literary critic, "was so exotic and bizarre in content, so gleaming and richly colored, so painstakingly set to paper. He enameled and polished each paragraph with meticulous care. Over each essay the near-sighted world-jeweler toiled like a lapidary over his precious gems."

His ghost stories, contained in the volume "Kwaidan," are among the literary classics of the orient. Such tales as "Miminishi Hoichi," "Rokuro-Kubi," and "Mujina" are famous stories in Japanese literature. Hearn was largely responsible for collecting, translating and popularizing such gems of Japanese folklore.

## A Strange Man

Much about Lafcadio Hearn was different. He was born in an island off Greece and while a young man came to this country. He lived in New York, Cincinnati and New Orleans before departing for Japan. In his veins flowed a mixture of Greek, Arab, Gypsy and English blood which, perhaps, accounted for his restless and nomadic spirit.

He was also a small, unhandsome man. Hearn was blind in his left eye and his right eye was perpetually swollen. He was a smallish, almost gnome-like man, and because of his size, felt definite pangs of an inferiority complex. Only in Japan, where most of the natives were even smaller than he, did he regain some semblance of confidence.

Hearn married a Japanese woman while a teacher at a Japanese university. During most of his stay in Japan, he served as a college professor and in his spare time wrote his many essays. Hearn married Setsu Koizumi, a rather plain, simple and ordinary Japanese girl. They had four children and I understand all of them are alive in Japan today, though none attained even a measure of renown that their father achieved.

Lafcadio Hearn's major contribution to the arts and letters of Japan was to translate into English many of the fine folk tales and stories of Japan which he painstakingly gathered and interpreted.

## A Decade in New Orleans

New Orleans, next to Japan, was Lafcadio Hearn's second home. He spent ten years in that city by the Mississippi working as a newspaperman.

The boarding house on Bourbon street, in the old French Quarter, still serves as an attraction for visitors there.

Hearn had a difficult time in New Orleans. His first years there were filled with struggles and hardships. Being unable to find any kind of a steady job, he performed all types of work to keep body and soul together. At one stage, he budgeted himself to live on five cents a day, just coffee and bread.

After he secured a position on the staff of a newspaper, he began to win fame and renown for his scholarly stories. Perhaps his most famous story written while in New Orleans, was "Chita," a tragic tale about the destruction of Last Island. Hearn spent many summers at Grand Isle and in the bayou country, being strongly attracted by the raw pristine quality of that wild, uninhabited section of the Gulf Coast.

While in New Orleans, Hearn's fluid mind was filled with many kinds of ideas. On the newspaper staff he wrote almost every type of story, from editorials, book reviews, news, nature studies and tips to housewives. He also started the "Hard Times" restaurant on Dryades street, just off Canal, where a complete meal could be obtained for five cents. When his partner ran off with the cash receipts his business career came to an abrupt ending.

Though several of his books were accepted by New York publishers, the royalties were very few and meager. Hearn's works were never popular sellers and much of his fame came after his death.

I think the story of "Chita" is his greatest work. With clear, graphic and compelling style, Hearn catches the horror, the devastation, and the cruel power of the hurricane which struck Last Island in 1856. At the same time, with masterful perfection, he vividly describes the charm, the beauty and the color of the bayou country of Louisiana. Like most of Hearn's stories, "Chita" has an unhappy and ambiguous ending.

## Hearn in Japan

When Lafcadio Hearn first landed in Japan in 1890 he was immediately struck by the quaintness and quiet charm of the country. Then it was that he definitely decided to "die in Japan" and quit his nomadic wandering from city to city. Perhaps it was because he found the Japanese to be courteous, hospitable people that appealed to this man; perhaps it was because he lost his sense of inferiority being among other people of small stature that delighted Hearn.

Hearn was a wonderful family man to his wife and children. He made every sacrifice for their comfort and happiness. He even took on the family name of Koizumi to remain in good graces of the Japanese government. He learned to read, write and speak the language.

Undoubtedly, the main reason for Hearn's popularity in Japan was his pioneering efforts to bring to the entire world some of the cultural and artistic beauty of Japan through the media of his essays. No writers before Hearn, and few after him, were able to weave and embroider into their writings the charm, the enchantment, and the attraction of picturesque Japan.

I have been unable to find a finer interpreter of Japanese life than Hearn. After you have read some of his works, I am sure you will also agree with me.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Bannerlines in Boxcar Type

Denver, Colo. A couple of headlines in tonight's newspapers are eloquent testimony to the state of the world. The bannerline, in boxcar type two inches tall, says: "Yanks Battle Reds." Under it are a series of Tokyo and Washington dispatches that, at this writing, fail to indicate whether this is to mean peace in our time or the beginning of the end of our civilization.

And down at the bottom of the page in considerably more modest type is another headline that reads: "There's Good News Today. Weed Extract is Potent Fly Killer."

One of the boys down at the office who saw a good bit of the last unpleasantness has a theory about peoples and war that goes like this. A wine or beer drinking people never have been able to lick a whisky-drinking people, and who drinks more whisky than Americans?

He hasn't explained how he applies the situation to the Russians who consume vodka which, I suppose, ought to be considered a potato whisky whereas Americans distill theirs from rye, barley, corn and wheat.

## On the Lovely Rikoran

This is most ungentlemanly and probably uncalled for, but it seems that either Time magazine erred (which it frequently does), or else Shirley Yoshiko (Rikoran) Yamaguchi has been very quick to adopt the old Hollywood custom of forgetting a few birthdays.

The pert and lovely Miss Yamaguchi, according to Time, is all of 24 years old.

Yet the film that made her a star, "Shina no

Yoru" (China Night), was shot in 1939 or thereabouts and was the rage in Japan a decade ago.

Welly Shibata, who was among the pioneer editors of West Coast Nisei journalism, took me to see Shina no Yoru in an Osaka moviehouse during the early summer of '40. He recommended it as one of the best products of Japan's still shaky film industry, and later popular acclaim has borne out his good judgment. Miss Yamaguchi, as we recall, was no Ethel Barrymore when it came to emoting, but, that wasn't required of her. All she had to do was look soulful and attractive, and in that department she passed with flying colors.

A few months later Miss Yamaguchi had the misfortune to be caught in the same elevator with this reporter in a Shanghai hotel, with only the elevator operator to witness the meeting. During most of the 20 seconds of that ride, she kept her eyes glued to the floor. This, no doubt, was a maneuver to avoid a certain person's rude but admiring stare.

If Time's report is correct, Miss Yamaguchi was a mere 14 years old at that time. And all I can say is that I've never seen another 14-year-old so lusciously curved.

## Mike's Gun Is Fixed

Mike's disassembled cap gun, which almost caused a family crisis last week when his old man couldn't repair it, was taken down to a fellow who's handy with tools. He took one quick look at the handful of parts and said: "Ha, I'll have it together in 15 minutes." And he did, too, after Mike's old man had tried unsuccessfully for two hours to get it together.

The reassembled gun has been returned to Mike with the handy fellow's compliments. All of which makes the old man a bigger bum than ever in Mike's estimation.

## Vagaries

### Delegates . . . .

Northern California delegates to the JAACL national convention in Chicago probably will travel via a 66-passenger chartered plane. The round-trip fare will be \$150. . . . A number of persons of Japanese ancestry, mostly in the Los Angeles area, are among the victims of deals in which they were promised new cars at a discount by a private party falsely claiming to have a connection with a dealer. Some \$100,000 in deposits reportedly is involved in the case. The person collecting the deposits has filed bankruptcy proceedings. . . . Mineko Nakayama, who appears dressed in a kimono in a full-page color photo on the cover of the Rocky Mountain Empire magazine section of the Denver Post of June 25, already has received an offer to model for a Denver agency as a result of the publicity. The color photo by Orin Sealy poses Miss Nakayama against the background of the famous opera house in the fabulous mining town of Central City, Colo. The picture is titled "American Butterfly." During the coming month the famous Central City Opera will give a number of productions of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" with three sopranos from New York rotating the title role.

### Closeout Sale . . .

From the columns—Bob de Roos in the San Francisco Chronicle of June 22: "Proud You're a San Franciscan? One of the great things about this town is the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park—now known as the Oriental Tea Garden because we fought a war with Japan. The Garden, a world-famed gem, was built by Makoto Hagiwara—and the Hagiwara family carried on there for 50 years, until Pearl Harbor knocked them out. Then came years in relocation camps. After the war, the city refused to let the Hagiwaras return to the garden they called home. So? Old Makoto has been dead these many years. What remains of his family, Mrs. Takano Hagiwara, her two daughters, Sumi and Haruko, and George, her son, are destitute. Sumi has been in San Francisco Hospital for two and a half years. To stave off the last pinch of poverty, the Hagiwaras are preparing to sell the last of their famed collection of Japanese art, their most-loved possession, their link with life when it was a happier thing. George is uncrating the art objects now in a Steiner-street warehouse. The sale's next week—a genuine closeout sale—the closeout of a San Francisco family."

Herb Caen in the San Francisco Examiner of June 23: "Dep. U. S. Marshal Herbert Cole, who was the custodian of 'Tokyo Rose' (Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino) during her

## "Do You Know?"

# Forty-Three Chapters Sent Delegates to Portland Meet

By ELMER R. SMITH

The sixth national convention of the JAACL held in Portland, Ore., from Aug. 28 through Sept. 2, 1940 was attended by 573 registered delegates and 58 guests. There were 43 chapters represented out of a total of 50 in the national organization.

The program of the convention emphasized the expanding demands made upon the Nisei as active participants in their communities and the nation. The Round Tables reflected this tendency to a noted degree.

The group discussion centered on agricultural problems and pointed out the fact that Nisei were becoming more active in rural affairs and they were thus called

treason trial here, likes the girl. So much, in fact, that he stops in at Marsdens Gift shop on Seventh St. every now and then to buy presents for her (she's now in the women's prison in W. Va.) and just the other day he bought her a fancy 35-cent birthday card. Marshal Cole has no trouble remembering "Tokyo Rose's" birth date, even though she forgot it. She was born on July 4."

## Singer . . .

Karie Shindo, who was a big hit in Hawaii during her recent visit, sang "These Foolish Things," which she did in English and Japanese in the film, "Tokyo Joe," on her television appearance last week over KTSL-TV in Los Angeles. Miss Shindo was one of the guest artists on the Backstage Show. . . . Herb Caen notes that a featured act in Charlie Low's "All-Chinese" stage show at Forbidden City in San Francisco are the Rai Chuns who are a Nisei dance team. Several members of the Chinese Chorus line at the night club also are Nisei.

## Nisei Linguists . . .

Further U. S. involvement in Korea may mean the use of Army-trained Nisei linguists. Because Korea was occupied by Japan for nearly four decades many Koreans speak the Japanese language. . . . First winner of Scene magazine's short story contest is Ted Yamachika of Honolulu whose entry, "Two Friends," the story of two men on a sugar plantation, will appear in the July issue of the magazine. . . . Mike M. Masaoka is in Culver City this week for additional work as an adviser on MGM's forthcoming film, "Go for Broke." . . . Capt. Bert N. Nishimura who served with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and France and is now on occupation duty in Japan recently received honorable mention for his story, "I Am My Brother's Keeper," in a contest conducted by the Osaka Mainichi's English edition.

upon to take recognition of the common problems of the over-all rural community.

The Issei-Nisei meeting pointed out the problems revolving around the Issei-Nisei relationships. The social and political conflicts between the Issei and Nisei were given special consideration.

Problems of national defense and fifth column activities were reviewed by the political and legal discussion groups. The significance of dual citizenship was pointed out, and emphasis was given to the need for its elimination. The extent of discrimination in employment was given serious consideration with some recommendations for action.

The sixth national convention was very well covered for the general American public. Newspapers, the radio and other mediums of communication were extremely interested in the "goings on" at the JAACL meeting. This convention had the best news coverage of any JAACL convention up to this time, and this definitely had positive results in various segments of the non-Japanese communities.

The JAACL through its alert leaders and by the intelligent use of the open forum type of discussion showed themselves and their members to be conscious of the grave forces at work both on a national and international scale which were to influence the life of the Nisei in America in the period to come. This spirit was manifest in the following statement:

"In the light of world events, critical eyes and ears throughout the country will be turned toward this, our 1940 sixth biennial convention, to see whether our declarations of loyalty and patriotism to the Stars and Stripes will be borne out by definite action to cooperate in the present national emergency. Let us meet this challenge."

Resolutions and programs formulated at the sixth national convention were made with this stated theme in mind. These are of extreme importance for the understanding of later events. During the "years of decision" following Pearl Harbor the conduct and decisions of the JAACL were greatly influenced by the stated positions on various problems of the 1940 convention.

# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Kobayashi Will Swim in Nakama Meet

The San Francisco Clippers recently won the Coast Counties Nisei baseball league championship with a 22 to 6 triumph over Watsonville A.C. ... Herb Isono, high school basketball and baseball star for University high in Los Angeles, is now pitching for the San Fernando Aces, one of the strongest Nisei teams in the Los Angeles area. Isono hurled three-hit ball last week as the Aces defeated the West Los Angeles Merchants, 12 to 2. ... The San Pedro Skippers have a strong pitching staff headed by Mas Kinoshita, southpaw star for Los Angeles City College two years ago, and Paul Hashimoto, one of the top pitchers in Los Angeles prep circles for Roosevelt high this year. ... Keo (Kiyoshi) Nakama, former national AAU swimming champion at 1500 meters and one-time Ohio State star in swimming and baseball, will be an instructor in physical education at the University of Hawaii's summer session. Nakama is the first Nisei to captain a Big Ten team in a major sport. He played second base and captained the Buckeye baseball squad back in 1944. Latest Nisei to captain an Ohio State team is Herbert Kobayashi who recently was elected captain of the 1951 swimming team. Kobayashi entered in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle races at the forthcoming Keo Nakama meet, the Hawaiian AAU outdoor championships.

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## Nakamura Whiffs 13 in Five Innings

Southpaw Jiro Nakamura, who struck out 22 men in a single game two weeks ago, whiffed 13 batters in five innings on June 25 as the San Jose Zebras lost a 11 to 10 game to the strong San Francisco Regal Pales at Washington Park. Nakamura, who came in to relieve Johnny Horio in the fifth, had one bad inning, the seventh, when he was reached for five hits and five runs. ... The Zebras have added some additional power at the plate in the presence of Dick Hadama, the Hawaiian football star who will be in the backfield for San Jose State this fall. Hadama is playing right field for the Zebras. He had three singles against the Regal Pales. The Zebras, like the Fresno Nisei All-Stars, are trying to line up games against the top semi-pro teams in their areas. ... The Tokyo Yomiuri Giants of the Japanese professional league are looking for a Nisei catcher in Hawaii. One of the prospects is Brown Watabu of the Oahu Red Sox. ... Gorge Tanagi is defending his grand championship which he won last year in the annual Seattle Milk Fund bowling tournament. ... Mickie Tazoi is a member of the pitching staff of the Salt Lake Shamrocks, top girls softball team in Utah and a member of the Western States Girls Softball league. The Shamrocks split a two-game series with the barnstorming Harlem Queens last week. Teams in Arizona, California and Oregon are members of the league. ... Wat Misaka, who has been playing basketball with a Utah and Utah State all-star team featuring All-Americans Vern Gardner and Arnie Ferrin during the past month, put on a baseball suit last Sunday and pitched the Salt Lake Bussei to a victory over the Davis Comets at Clearfield, Utah. The Comets won the first game of the twin bill. Terry Terada, who had a tryout with the St. Louis Browns system this year, is the regular catcher for the Bussei.

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## San Jose Judoists Finish Unbeaten

Coach Yosh Uchida's judo team at San Jose State college finished their season unbeaten this year. ... Mike Nishida of Los Angeles recently hooked and landed a 213-pound black sea bass off San Clemente Island while fishing for calico bass. It took Mike an hour to bring in the big fish on a 30-pound test line. ... Despite the fact that the Los Angeles delegation to the American Bowling Congress convention in Columbus in May voted overwhelmingly against the rescinding of the "white males only" rule, it's reported that the Los Angeles association will begin enrolling Nisei and others previously ineligible as members when the ABC amendment revising the constitution to omit the "whites only" provision go into effect on Aug. 1. Idaho Falls is the only city bowling association which has enrolled Nisei to date but other cities will do so after Aug. 1.

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## 442nd Veteran Enters U. S. Tourney

Suke Yoshi Kushi, the 442nd Combat Team veteran who helps coach the University of Hawaii's golfers, won the Hawaiian Public Links golf championship recently with a 69-70-139 and will enter the national public links tourney soon at Louisville, Ky. Veteran Sadaji Kinoshita, who finished second in the Hawaiian tourney, also will represent the territory at Louisville. Last year Kinoshita upset two heavily favored opponents to gain the quarter-finals of the national meet. The Louisville tourney starts on July 3. ... One of the top-ranking young tennis players in the eastern United States is a Honolulu Nisei named Robert S. Nagao who has won the New York State interscholastic singles championships for 1948, 1949 and 1950. Teamed with Fred Koerner, Nagao also won the New York state and New York city interscholastic doubles titles.

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## Lodi Nisei Lose in National Ball Tourney

According to Paul Uyemura, there's talk of entering a Nisei team in the Los Angeles All-Star bowling league, the city's top kegling loop. ... The Lodi A.C. team which is leading the Northern California Nisei AA league with seven straight wins was eliminated from the National Baseball Congress regional tournament when they lost a ten-inning 8 to 6 thriller to Solari's Inn of Linden, Calif. The Lodi club, rated among the top Nisei teams in this country this year, has a nucleus of young players, including Eddie Hiramoto, Tom Daijogo and other stars from this year's Lodi high school team. The Lodi A.C. nine will meet the San Jose Zebras, now playing independent ball, in a Fourth of July game at Washington Park in Santa Clara.

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## Detroit All-Stars Defeat Coast Keglers

The San Francisco Oriental All-Stars lost their special match to the barnstorming Detroit All-Stars on June 21 at Downtown Bowl, 2889 to 2683. The Detroit team, featuring such stars as Ed Easter and Lee Jougard, have a team average of 3090 or 206 per man. Both teams, however, were cold with only Don Gee hitting over 600 with a 613 for the Oriental All-Stars. Other members of the San Francisco team were Gish Endo 518, Tommy Fong 530, Frank Tsuboi 522 and Chy Kawakami 600. ... George Abo had a good season this year in his debut as baseball coach at San Joaquin Memorial high school in Fresno County.

## Santa Rosans Will Not Make Tour of Japan

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — The dream of a trip to Japan by Santa Rosa Junior College's Bear Cubs, featuring the team's Nisei battery of Bill Nishita and George Fujishige, appears to have gone by the boards.

Mayor Ward H. von Tillows said on June 20 he received a letter from Major General W. F. Marquat, baseball commissioner for Japan, which declared that funds were not available for the proposed goodwill trip.

"Your awareness of the tremendous part which joint participation in sports plays in the indoctrination of the Japanese nation in the fundamental precepts of democracy is appreciated fully," Gen. Marquat said. "Other amateur sports groups have consumed all available funds, in consequence of which it will not be practicable to accept your attractive offer."

Gen. Marquat added that arrangements have been made to bring the championship non-professional team of the western hemisphere to Japan in September to play a series with the Japanese non-professional titleholders.

Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of JACL ADC, participated in preliminary discussions of the Santa Rosa team's proposed trip to Japan.

## Enterprisers Lose Close Golf Match

CHICAGO — Hugh Gallarneau, former star with the Chicago Bears and left halfback on Stanford's 1941 Rose Bowl team, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Enterprisers on June 23 at the home of Dr. Katsumi Uba.

Gallarneau showed motion picture highlights of the 1941 Chicago Bears games and spoke about events in his professional football career. He will go on television this fall.

President Buddy Iwata presided at the meeting.

The Enterprisers lost to the 20 and 5 club in their annual tournament at the Big Oaks golf course by a close score of 23 to 22 on June 25.

George Yoshioka of the Enterprisers took low net honors with 100-30-70. George Teraoka, 20 and 5, was second with 72. Others who placed were Dr. William Hiura, Jack Kawakami, Tom Okabe, Dr. Randolph Sakada and Dr. Kats Uba.

Fifty persons attended the banquet following the tournament when the presentation of awards was made. Thomas Masuda accepted the team trophy on behalf of the 20 and 5 club.

## Enterprisers Give Farewell Party for Takahashi Family

CHICAGO—Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Takahashi, who are making their new home in San Francisco, were guests of honor recently at a farewell party given them by the Enterprisers, Inc., a Nisei investment club. Dr. Takahashi, a charter member of the organization, was clinical director and dean of the Chicago College of Optometry.

George Tada, secretary of the club, was first place winner of the essay contest conducted among the members, on the topic, "How I Would Invest \$10,000 for the Group," in which he stated he would invest the sum in stocks and bonds. Wiley Higuchi and Lincoln Shimidzu were second and third place winners respectively, both voicing their opinions toward real estate.

Along with monthly meetings, the group is planning activities for the summer and fall months, including a picnic and golf tournament.

## Donor Thanked

FRESNO, Calif.—Receipt of a donation from the Umekubo family in memory of the late Takashi Todd Umekubo was acknowledged this week by the Fresno chapter of the JACL.

## Attends Boys State

CORVALLIS, Ore.—Jimmy Kurata of Vale high school is one of the delegates to the Oregon Boys State now being held on the campus of Oregon State College.

## New York Giants Offer Pro Ball Contract to Honolulu Nisei

### Matsumoto Hits .522, Plays Three Positions For New York School

NEW YORK — Paul J. Matsumoto, baseball star at Riverdale school where he captained the team and hit .522, has been offered a contract with the Jersey City Little Giants of the Triple A International League by the New York Giants organization.

Matsumoto, who indicated that he will enroll at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., instead of taking the pro ball offer, hit 16 home runs in 22 games. He played

in the outfield and at shortstop for Riverdale and also pitched in eight games, winning 7 and losing one.

The 5 foot 10 inch athlete who weighs 180 pounds is a native of Honolulu and attended Iolani school before enrolling at Riverdale.

While at the New York school he also was a varsity star in football and basketball.

It was reported that Matsumoto skipped the New York Giants offer because he intends to go into corporation law and is planning to attend Harvard Law school after graduating from Holy Cross.

## Yonamine Breaks Into 'Big Six' With Hit Spree Against Boise

### Marigold Arcade Still Unbeaten in Chicago Bowling

CHICAGO—Marigold Arcade is still undefeated after three weeks of play in the Chicago Northside Nisei men's bowling league.

The leaders took four points last week from Al's Sandwich Shop, behind Yone Deguchi's 544 series.

Tom Kushino took high series honors for the night with 615, including a 257 high game as he led the Kushino's to a 3 to 1 win over the T. Hiayama team.

Cosmopolitan National Bank rolled the high team series with a 2833 (951, 933, 949).

### Enters Contest

LOS ANGELES — Rose Marie "Candy" Yasui, 17-year-old Polytechnic high school May queen, this week was announced as the second candidate for the "Miss Nisei Week" title.

She was named Poly high's May queen this year from a field of 15 candidates.

First candidate for queen of Nisei week was Akiko Kushida.

### Tailoring Class

CHICAGO—A class in tailoring for high school boys and girls is scheduled to begin this Wednesday, July 5, at the Ellis community center under Morisobu Kusunoki.

The class will run for eight weeks, meeting twice weekly on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

The course will cover basic tailoring fundamentals and cover steps in the construction of a jacket.

A registration fee of \$5 will be charged to cover cost of materials.

## Bowles Youth Heads Student Body

FRESNO, Calif. — Kiyoto Arakawa of Bowles recently was elected president of the student body at Washington Union high school.

Henry Teraoka received an award as "outstanding athlete." He was vice president of the student body during the past year.

## ADC Says U. S. Can Validate Late Claims Against Banks

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee contended this week the Office of Alien Property has administrative power to validate late claims from West Coast residents against three Japanese banks vested by the American government.

Several hundred claims for upwards of 5,000,000 yen, deposited before the war with American branches of the Yokohama Specie, Sumitomo and Mitsui banks, are involved.

In arguments before acting director of the Office of Alien Property, Harold I. Baynton, JACL ADC legal counsel Edward J. Ennis pointed out the late claims, required to be filed on Nov. 18, 1949, were mailed on or before that date from West Coast States. They were not received by the OAP, however, until Nov. 21, 1949.

Mr. Ennis, former Alien Enemy Control Unit director, of the Department of Justice, insisted the OAP had the administrative power to alter the claims and "as a matter of wise discretion should

do so in the interests of fair administration of the Trading with the Enemy Act."

Julius Schlezinger, chief, OAP Claims' Branch, argued the claims should be dismissed. He said the OAP director had no power to consider the claims on their merits because they were not actually received in the Washington OAP office on the Nov. 18 deadline.

Director Baynton promised to give the matter his "most careful and personal attention" before reaching any decision on accepting or barring the late claims.

Four to six members of the deputation team of 40 students hope to stay in the Japanese American community, according to Larry Claman of New York City, who is in charge of the deputation team. Claman is a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania. He is now staying with the Rev. Tom Fukuyama at Brotherhood House.

### Cabinet Installed

FRESNO, Calif. — Pres. Kawahara and members of her cabinet were installed in office at a candlelight service of the ELLE club.

Chiyo Fujimura installed the officers, who are, in addition to the president: Caroline Matsuyama, vice pres.; Miya Sasaki, sec.; Kiyoko Ohashi, treas.; and Mas Tanaka, historian.

Mrs. Paulo Takahashi and Mrs. Lewis Toshiyuki are club advisors.

The club held its installation dinner at the Desert Inn.

## Ask Housing for Fellowship Group Visiting Denver

DENVER, Colo.—Issei and Nisei families who can house student members of the annual Lisle Fellowship deputation team when it visits Denver's Japanese American community Aug. 3 to 6 are asked to contact the JACL regional office in this city.

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**Vital Statistics**

**BIRTHS**

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kawabata a boy in Oakland, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitsugi Imagawa a girl on June 12 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Shimada a girl on June 18 in Sacramento.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Ota a boy on June 7 in Selma, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Sumida a boy, Ronald H., on June 14 in Portland, Ore.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sunao Watari a boy, Norman, on June 18 in Portland.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tomio Miyahara, Mountain View, Calif., a boy, Gary Kiyoshi, on June 13.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Takeshi Ezaki a girl, Sharon, on June 16 in San Jose, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Katsumi Ueyamaruko a girl on June 14 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teruo Kuida, Gardena, Calif., a boy, Lawrence Frank, on June 7.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shiro Yoshimura a girl, Debbie, on June 7 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ikemoto a girl, Eunice Naomi, on June 9 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Kuroyama, Venice, Calif., a boy, Michael Toshiaki, on June 5.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shuji Munemura a boy, Michael John, on June 6 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Takata a boy, Cecil Jiro, on June 8 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Wakano a girl, Karen Yumiko, on June 10 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hidemi Ikada a girl, Christine Fumiko, on June 8 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Robert Baba a boy, Dean Hajime, on May 30 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Masao Ikeda a girl, Mariko, on May 30 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tosh Yamada a boy, Gary Alan, on May 14 in Cleveland.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakamura, Kemmerer, Wyo., a boy on June 26 in Salt Lake City.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Isao Inouye, Palo Alto, Calif., a girl, Roslyn Myrtle, on May 23.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Tomita a boy on June 25 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Kishimoto a girl, Junko Jean, on June 12 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Terhide Naito a boy, Ronald Warren, on June 3 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hidoji Yamashita a girl, Gloria Anne, on June 7 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Yoshiyama a boy, Ronald Masaru, on June 6 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuyoshi Motobu a boy, Carl Isamu, on June 12 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Masaharu Nishitsuji a girl, Gayle Harumi, on June 9 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Tamaya a girl, Myra Naomi, on June 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Tomita a boy, Masao, on June 11 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sakahara, Florin, Calif., a boy on June 19.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yukimori Hayashimoto a girl, Lily Hatsumi, on June 20 in San Jose.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kodama, Live Oak, Calif., a girl on June 23.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mits Hasegawa, Hayward, Calif., a girl, Sharon Michiko, on June 4.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tosh Okada, San Lorenzo, Calif., a girl, Mayo, on May 10.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Korematsu, Oakland, Calif., a girl, Edith, on June 8.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tadayoshi Saiki a boy on June 17 in Sacramento.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. John Hayashi a boy on June 20 in Sacramento.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiji Kashiwagi a boy on June 20 in Sacramento.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Okubo a boy on June 21 in Sacramento.

**DEATHS**

Mrs. Hatsuko Imori on May 27 in Cleveland.  
 Mantaro Yoneyama, 61, on June 17 in Seattle.  
 Mrs. Maye Makino, 66, on June 18 in Seattle.  
 Mrs. Eiko Obayashi on June 17 in Arroyo Grande, Calif.  
 Kakuichi Nakamura on June 21 in Los Angeles.  
 Mrs. Kamei Kitaoka on June 21 in Los Angeles.  
 Yoshio Masaki, 79, on June 21 in San Francisco.

**MARRIAGES**

Helen Tomoda to Jimmie Akiya on May 14 in Cleveland, O.  
 Flora Okamoto to Cy Uyemura on May 20 in Cleveland.  
 Norma Iura to Dr. Miyoshi Ikawa on June 18 in Los Angeles.  
 Haru Iwanaga to Paul Sugino on June 17 in Los Angeles.  
 Alice Chiyoko Kita to Dick Kiyomi Fujikawa on June 10 in Los Angeles.  
 Amy Kobata to Sadao Tanaka on June 25 in Los Angeles.  
 Fumie Yamamoto to Jimmy Nobuo Hirao on June 25 in Los Angeles.  
 Miyuki Betty Takemura to Hideo Kondo on June 25 in Los Angeles.  
 Rosie Kumagai of Salt Lake City to Mike Kishi on June 25 in Los Angeles.  
 Mary Ota to Terry Terada on June 24 in Salt Lake City.  
 Mary Yamamoto to Woodrow Ishikawa on June 18 in Sacramento.  
 Sumiko Yamane to Ted Kondo on June 24 in Fresno.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Sharon Tanagi, 24, and Paul F. Aburano, 26, in Seattle.  
 Fumiko Kowata, 23, Fresno, and James Tonigawa, Sacramento, in Reno, Nev.  
 Priscilla Torigoe and Suyejo Uno in Seattle.  
 Lilly Fukui and Noble Kuwata, 27, both of Berkeley, in Oakland.  
 Mae Harue Oshita, 27, and No-

**Denverites Hold Annual Picnic**

DENVER, Colo. — Seven gala events were on tap for Denver JACL members and their friends who attended the chapter's annual picnic last Sunday, June 25, at Dedisse park.

Trophies were awarded in four events, the fishing contest, baby contest, hole-in-one tourney and the pie-eating race.

Other features of the day were children's races, adult races and a tug-of-war.

Super was served the picnickers under direction of Mrs. True Yasui and Mrs. Michi Ando.

Co-chairmen for the event were Mami Katagiri and George Masunaga.

Frank Torizawa and Eddie Matsuda were on the prize donation committee. Tosh Ando, John Noguchi and Bessie Matsuda comprised the prize awarding committee. Ken Imamura and Noguchi served on the transportation committee.

Little Susan Ohashi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ohashi, took the baby contest trophy. Second prize went to Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Masunaga, and third prize to Tarzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Matsumonji. Dennis Yamaguchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jinx Yamaguchi, took fourth place.

Harry Shibao and Mrs. Mae Murata won first prizes in the men and women's fishing contests. Second and third prizes in the men's event were won respectively by Bill Okubo and Jesse Masunaga.

In the pie eating contest, second main event of the afternoon, Mike Tashiro, George Matsumonji and Kay Sakaguchi won the first three prizes in that order.

Dr. George Kubo walked away with first place in the hole-in-one golf competition. Dr. Tom Kobayashi placed second and George Shiyoumura third.

Donors of prizes, members of the picnic committee and voluntary helpers were thanked by co-chairmen for their help.

Among firms which contributed for the affair were Toyo Co., Pacific Mercantile Co., George's Motor Service, Granada Fish Co., Kojima Soybean Co., Koryo Jewelers, Kiya Theater, T. K. Pharmacy, Nakayama Jewelers, Manchu Grill, Nippon Co., and Mikaway Co.

**Montana Chapter Sets Picnic Plans**

BILLINGS, Mont.—The Montana JACL will sponsor its first community picnic on the Fourth of July, according to Tom Koyama, president.

A site one mile south of the Parkway Service has been selected for the event. The day's events will begin at 10:30 in the morning. Picnickers are asked to bring their own lunches. The chapter will furnish ice cream and soft drinks.

Slated for the day are a treasure hunt for children, baseball, and a drawing.

buichi H. Shigaki, 31, Dixon, Calif., in Sacramento

Nellie Okamoto and Roy T. Nagata in Denver.

Mabel M. Aigaki and Mitsuo Tomoeda in Denver.

Tamaye Umade, 24, and Toshiyuki Kawasaki, 31, in Fresno.

Yaeko Peggy Sawabe, 20, Santa Clara, Calif. and Kaichi Karl Takimoto, 24, Campbell, in San Jose.

Reiko R. Miyadi, Hawthorne, Calif., and William M. Jow, Lawndale, Calif., in Denver.

Patricia B. Iwata and William M. Lucero in Denver.

Margaret Shires, 25, Sutter City, Calif., and Frank Hatanaka, 38, in Yuba City, Calif.

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**McCarran Bill Will Permit U. S. Entry of 750 Wives, Children**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Approximately twice as many wives and children would be immediately affected by the McCarran brides bill (S. 18-58) as came into this country under the previous GI Brides Act, the JACL ADC learned this week.

In a report accompanying the bill, approved unanimously this week by the Senate Judiciary Committee, it was pointed out that some 310 Japanese wives and children came in under the old act, while at the present time there are approximately 760 Japanese wives and alien minor children of servicemen in Japan who would become admissible under a new law.

The Judiciary report said that "these wives and alien minor children will be unable to accompany the citizen husband and father upon his return to the United States unless the racial bar is removed."

"A number of these servicemen have already returned but were obliged to leave their wives and children in Japan. Also, a great many of the citizen servicemen involved are themselves of Japanese descent," the report continued.

"Although there are pending in

the committee on the Judiciary bill which would remove completely the racial bar to immigration and naturalization, such bills are still being studied in connection with a revision of the entire immigration and naturalization laws. In order to alleviate the situation and to avoid the necessity of considering a substantial number of private bills, the committee feels that the racial bar should promptly be removed in this limited type case.

"It should be pointed out that although the bill would permit the entry of a limited group of racial-ly ineligible spouses and minor children, it does not remove the racial bar to naturalization at this time."

The McCarran brides bill would make the alien wives and children of American servicemen and veterans eligible to enter the United States as nonquota immigrants. It would apply to all existing marriages, as well as those taking place up to 90 days after such a bill becomes law.

The McCarran brides bill was introduced at the request of the JACL ADC.

**Issei Leaders to Be Honored At JACL Council Convention**

**Testimonial Dinner To ADC Group Planned At Chase Hotel**

LOS ANGELES — Southland Issei ADC leaders will be honored by the Pacific Southwest JACL district council at the convention's meeting this weekend, July 1 and 2, in Santa Monica.

A testimonial dinner honoring their contributions to community life will be held the first evening of the convention at the Chase hotel.

Included in the group are Shosuke Nitta, Orange county; Momota Okura, Wilmington; J. U. Obayashi, San Diego; Gisuke Sakamoto, West Los Angeles; Takeo Momita, Imperial valley; Matsunosuke Wakamatsu, Venice; Tameji Eto, San Luis Obispo; Shuntoku Yamauchi, Gardena, Shigematsu Takeyasu, San Fernando; Matsunosuke Oi, Masami Sasaki, Katsuma Mukaeda and Meiji Sato of Los Angeles.

The testimonial banquet will be especially significant in view of the approach of American naturalization rights for these Issei, JACL leaders said this week in announcing the dinner.

All of the Issei to be honored have made substantial contributions toward the ADC fight to gain equality in naturalization for all now ineligible aliens.

The banquet will be followed by a convention ball, a semi-formal affair with Carroll Wax's orchestra furnishing the music.

"Miss Pacific Southwest" will be chosen from a group of five candidates.

Both events are open to the public.

Charge for the dinner will be \$3 per person. Dance charge will be \$2.50 per person. Reservations may be made with any JACL chapter president or the regional office of the JACL in the Miyako hotel.

The banquet program will feature Karie Shindo and Mary Minato.

**Chicago Nisei Plan Mass Meeting for Japan Evangelist**

CHICAGO — Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, foremost Japanese Christian, will address Chicago Nisei at a mass meeting Aug. 6 under sponsorship of the city's six Nisei Christian churches.

More than 2,000 persons are expected to hear the noted evangelist, who will talk at the Church of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Kagawa will address the Nisei on the morning of Aug. 6. In the afternoon he is scheduled to talk to an Issei audience.

Dr. Kagawa is making an extended tour of the United States as a guest of the American government.

Churches cooperating in the mass service are the Armitage Methodist church, the Rev. Norio Yasaki, pastor; the Church of Christ, the Rev. Nori Miyagawa, pastor; the Ellis Community Center church, the Rev. George Nishimoto, pastor; First Baptist church, the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor; Christ Congregational church, the Rev. George Aki, pastor; and Lakeside Christian church, whose pastor is the Rev. Harry Hashimoto.

Saburo Takeshita, president of the Nisei Christian Laymen's Council of Chicago, will be chairman.

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# Senate Legal Experts Seek Answer to Question Posed By California Land Law Ruling

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The California decision holding that the alien land law is invalid because the U. S. has subscribed to the United Nations charter, has thrown senate constitutional lawyers into a tailspin.

Four times within the past month, senators have debated the effect of the decision—if it should be sustained by the U. S. supreme court—on many other laws of the states and federal government.

The North Atlantic treaty might have even more serious effect on laws of this country than the United Nations charter, in the opinion of some senators, if the doctrine that treaties invalidate laws is upheld.

The alien land law decision was handed by the California appellate court on April 24 in the case of Sei Fujii against the state of California.

Atty. Gen. Fred N. Howser's request for a rehearing was denied, and if the California supreme court sustains the unanimous decision of the appellate court, the U. S. Supreme Court will undoubtedly be asked to rule on the question.

So far none of the senators engaged in the debate has suggested Congress can do anything to change the situation.

For the moment, the matter seems to be in the hands of the courts.

But Senator Forrest Donnell, R., Mo., has reminded the senate several times that he warned the effects of the North Atlantic pact might be more far reaching than anyone supposed.

He said in the senate last week that we may even find we have settled such questions, such as FEPC, without knowing we had done so, through ratification of treaties.

Sen. Donnell, who raised the question originally, in the senate, said he did not think a treaty could supersede the Constitution.

"However," he added, "the effect of a treaty may possibly be to vest in the Congress of the United States a vast reservoir of power to legislate on matters which perhaps previously had been confined to the states entirely or in large part."

Discussing the California appellate court he continued:

"Regardless of whether the court was right or wrong in its final decision, as I see it, it could have been wrong only on the point that the United Nations charter contained a safeguard.

"I think the reasoning of the court to the effect that a treaty is a part of the supreme law of the land cannot be successfully controverted by any one. I do not think any member of the senate would undertake to controvert it.

"It is possible that an appellate

court of higher jurisdiction may hold there is an adequate safeguard in the United Nations charter to prevent the charter from interfering with the validity of any statute.

"However, this appellate court did not conclude that any such provision of a prohibitive or a security nature was found within the terms of the charter. It failed to mention any such thing," he continued.

Sen. Donnell said the United Nations as an entity clearly could not say the law of any state is invalid. He continued:

"If in the course of a treaty there is anything which makes it illegal for a state or the federal government to pass a particular act, as for instance the alien land act, any party may rise in any court of justice in the United States and say that the provision of the Constitution has made that portion of the treaty a part of the supreme law of the land, and, as the California court indicated, that provision takes precedence over the state statute which is involved."

Sen. Donnell said he thought by all odds the unanimous opinion of the California appellate court is borne out by reason and "that the idea of a safeguard within the charter, preventing applicability of the charter, is without merit."

One of the articles on the subject placed in the Congressional Record during the debate pointed out that in the Oyama case, also involving the alien land law, two members of the U. S. Supreme Court, Justices Hugo L. Black and William O. Douglas, said:

"There are additional reasons now why that law stands as an obstacle to the free accomplishment of our policy in the international field. One of these reasons is that we have recently pledged ourselves to cooperate with the United Nations to promote universal respect for an observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion. How can this nation be faithful to this international pledge if state laws which bar land ownership and occupancy by aliens on account of race are permitted to be enforced?"

# Extend Deadline for Nisei To Claim Japan Farm Lands

HONOLULU — An extension to Nov. 20 on the deadline for claiming of farmlands in Japan owned by American citizens of Japanese ancestry and other foreign owners was announced this week by Taisaku Kojima, Honolulu representative of the Japanese Overseas agency.

Only persons of Japanese ancestry who gave up their Japanese citizenship before Oct. 20, 1946, or who never were Japanese citizens can claim property, Kojima indicated. The measure is considered

a protective one for foreign owners in Japan.

Under Japan's land reform law of 1946, land deeded to absentee owners was taken over by the Japanese government for resale.

Kojima noted that persons born to Japanese parents outside Japan have held, in the eyes of the Japanese government, dual citizenship if their parents made provision for it.

Persons who renounced that dual citizenship before Oct. 20, 1946, may now claim lands, Kojima said. Persons of the Japanese government considered citizens after that date may not do so.

He said several hundred persons in Hawaii may claim lands in Japan.

The original deadline was June 20. Kojima said the Nov. 20 deadline is final.

# Shinko Ensemble Gives First Public Concert

CHICAGO—The Shinko ensemble presented its first concert May 27 and 28 with a program of music and art.

The group gave the first public performance of "Spring in Manzanar," composed by Roy Nakama, former music instructor at the Manzanar relocation center.

The fascinating Inca dance was performed by talented Peruvian Nisei, the Shibayama sisters and Messrs. Takeshita, Katsuro and Furuya.

Among the performers were Kiyoko Morishita, Junichi Morishita, Chiyoko Nishioka, Setsuko Nakagawa, Tsuneko Honda, George Maruyama and Tom Sakamoto, Yoko Yamaguchi, Arturo Shibayama, Mae Kawamura, Yoshiaki Iwamura, Roy Nakama and Jimmy Nakatsuka.

Robert Furuya and Mas Yanagita were masters of ceremonies.

# Invite Floats For Nisei Week Ono Parade

LOS ANGELES — All Southland organizations were invited this week to enter floats in the ondo parade which will be the climatic event of Lil Tokyo's Nisei week festival Aug. 19 to 27.

The ondo parade has traditionally been a parade of kimono-clad dancers. Last year half a thousand persons, all in costume, participated in the colorful parade.

Floats were used in two of the pre-war festival parades.

The Nisei week committee will consider soon the suggestion that two divisions be established for float entries, with prizes to be awarded in both divisions.

The committee said that the parade route will follow the route of previous festivals. Dancers will start in front of the Nishi Hongwanji temple on North Central ave., go up Jackson, down San Pedro, turn right on Weller and go down East First street to the starting point.

# Y Mixers Plan Weiner Bake

SAN FRANCISCO — Instead of their usual first Saturday meeting at the Buchanan Y, the Y Mixers will meet at Sigmund Stern grove July 8 from 5 p.m. for a weiner bake.

Folk and social dancing, skits, entertainment, games and a sing-spiration are on tap for the evening.

Eiichi Shibata will be master of ceremonies. Chieko Hashiguchi will head the weiner bake committee. Morgan Yamanaka will be in charge of folk dancing. Other committee chairmen are Frank Itaya, music; Kaneo Miyoshi, finances; Alyce Matsumoto, program; and Mari Mochizuki, publicity.

The public is invited to this event. Reservations should be made by calling the Buchanan Y.

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# Senate Committee Approves Statehood for Two Territories

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee this week reported out statehood bills for both Hawaii and Alaska, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee. The vote was 9 to 2 in favor of Hawaiian statehood, and 8 to 2 for Alaskan statehood.

Sen. Hugh D. Butler, (R., Neb.), voted against both bills. He was joined by Sen. Guy Cordon, (R., Ore.), in opposing Alaskan Statehood.

In urging statehood for the two territories, Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney, (D., Wyo.), urged support of the House-approved measures in light of the world situation and the need for extending the full privileges of democracy to the only two incorporated territories of the U.S.

Whether or not the bills will come up for action by the full Senate before the end of the present session is problematical.

All Democratic committee members voted for both bills. The only Republican who favored statehood for both territories was Ecton, Mont.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, lauded the Committee vote. "The peoples of these territories," he said, "have waited years for Congress to grant them statehood. They want, and have earned, that privilege.

He said that, "as the situation grows graver in the Orient, there is an increasing need for us to throw aside prejudice and provincialism in our own affairs and grant the Pacific territories full statehood.

"Especially in the case of Hawaii is this important. For, no matter what might be said elsewhere, in the eyes of Asia we will either grant or deny statehood to Hawaii on the basis of whether or not we believe its large Oriental population deserves the privileges of democracy.

"We will make a mockery of our efforts in Japan, our labors in China and our attempts to maintain peace in Korea if we should be so naive as to presume that we can preach democracy in Asia, but treat Americans of Asiatic ancestry as poor colonial relatives unworthy of complete, democratic treatment."

Here is the vote on the two bills. HAWAII: Ayes — O'Mahoney;

Murray, Mont.; Downey, Calif.; McFarland, Ariz.; Anderson, N.M.; Taylor, Idaho; Lehman, N. Y., Democrats; Cordon, Ore., and Ecton, Mont., Republicans. Nays — Butler. Abstaining: Millikin, Colo.; Malone, Nev.; and Watkins, Utah, Republicans.

ALASKA: Ayes — O'Mahoney; Murray, Downey, McFarland, Anderson, Taylor, Lehman, Democrats; Ecton, Republican. Nays — Butler and Cordon, Republicans. Abstaining: Millikin, Malone and Watkins, Republicans.

# Eden Township Sponsors Picnic

EDEN TOWNSHIP, Calif. — Young and old of the Eden Township area enjoyed the annual community picnic sponsored by the local JACL at Crown Canyon park Saturday, June 24.

Min Yonekura was chairman. Highlight of the day was a drawing, in which a television set and a mixmaster were awarded as first and second prizes. Local merchants donated many other prizes.

Games and races were conducted by the Young Matrons Society. Swimming, volleyball and bingo were on the program for the day.

The JACL furnished free ice cream, cokes and beer for the picnickers.

# Extend Deadline

Deadline for applications for the Pvt. Ben Masaoka memorial scholarship has been extended till July 15, according to Masao Satow, national director of the JACL.

Applicants for the scholarship, valued at \$200, must be sponsored by a JACL chapter.

The scholarship is open to Nisei 1950 high school graduates planning to attend college this fall.

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